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Sir:

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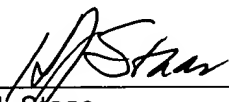
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Japanese Reference AG corresponds to U.S. references AA and AB.

Japanese Reference AJ corresponds to European Reference AI.

All of the references fail to show or suggest an electronic equipment having a main display section, an auxiliary display section, buttons provided above and/or below the auxiliary display section, and a controller which display definitions or means of the buttons within the auxiliary display section at positions corresponding to each of the buttons depending on an operation mode of the electronic equipment.

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